

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....AUGUST 25, 2014

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. CST with the following members in attendance. Chairman Henry Osborne, Commissioners Charlie Williams, Joe Blanks, David Eastridge and Debbie Wood. Engineer Harvill, County Manager Dendy and Attorney McCoy were also present.

Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order. Commissioner Williams led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Eastridge gave the invocation. Administrative Assistant Sherri Foster conducted a roll call. The results of the roll call were as follow: District 1 – Present, District 2 – Absent, District 3 – Present, District 4 – Present, District 5 – Present, District 6 – Present.

**COUNTY ROAD 93 BRIDGE
DUWAYNE HILL**

Dwayne Hill, a resident of County Road 93 was in attendance at the meeting to see what could be done about the bridge. Mr. Hill stated that the bridge was in poor condition and needed to be replaced. He stated that two automobiles can't pass on the bridge due to the bridge being so narrow. Engineer Harvill advised that he or someone from the Highway Department would go out and look at the bridge and see what could be done. He also stated that this was not one of the bridges that were eligible for government funding, that it would be 100% local funding by the County Commission to perform any replacement of same. Engineer Harvill will determine the cost for the Commission once the bridge is inspected by the highway department.

CONGRADULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER WOOD

Chairman Osborne thanked Commissioner Wood for a job well done serving as President of the ACCA. She represented Chambers County with pride and dignity.

MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the August 4, 2014 minutes and warrants payable. Commissioner Eastridge seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the **"I"** vote.

RESOLVED: "To adopt the August 4, 2014 minutes and warrants payable."

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Chairman Osborne moved Ms. Carter from the Public Comments to New Business. Attorney McCoy states that there is a matter of concern regarding some roadways in the City of Valley that need to be addressed. Commissioner Wood motioned to amend the agenda to include three items. Commissioner Blanks seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To amend the agenda to include three items.”

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Wood motioned to adopt the August 25, 2014 agenda. Commissioner Blanks seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To adopt the August 25, 2014 agenda.”

**CHAMBERS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATES
KIM CARTER**

Kim Carter gave an update of the Chambers County Development Authority. She stated that currently they are working twenty-one (21) active projects, 14 are Industrial, 4 retail and 3 commercial. The current unemployment rate for the county is 7.4%. We are still recruiting and announcing new jobs. We have 4 new businesses that have opened in Chambers County, 1) Resurrect Antiques in the old 559 building in Valley, 2) The Kitchen Cupboard in Lanett, 3) Pappa Dollies in Lanett, and 4) The Big Cat across from Huguley School in Huguley. There is a new Family Dollar about to open in Valley just below Valley High School. We have announced 424 new jobs, two new companies, KMIN USA and Hantal Alabama and two expansions on existing companies. There is a group called ADA (Attorneys for Disable Americans) out of Montgomery, they are targeting franchises, retailers and small businesses sending them a letter telling them that they are not ADA Compliant (such as no hand rails, handicap parking spots etc.). They want you to settle and send them money, they do not list a claim number or a person’s name that filled a complaint. This can be scary for a small business owner, so we are trying to make all of our business owners aware of this. We will be hiring a fourth employee at the CCDA and will not have to ask for more funding. This person will be doing Community Development. We have met with Jay Garner and we are on trac with what we have set out to do. She thanked the Commission for attending the Existing Industry Lunch. She also mentioned that the trade school has converted to a stem academy and encourages the Commissioners to visit.

**DECLARE A 2004 LEXUS LS430 AS SURPLUS
AND SALE VIN#JTHBN36F4401535887
ROBERT CHAMBERS PROJECT DIRECTOR DRUG TASK FORCE**

Robert Chambers, Project Director Drug Task Force requested a resolution to declare a 2004 Lexus LS430 as surplus and sale VIN#JTHBN36F440153587. Commissioner Blanks motioned to approve the resolution to declare as surplus and sale of the 2004 Lexus LS430. Commissioner Williams seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To declare as surplus and sale of the 2004 Lexus LS430.”

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
MR. J.C. LEDBETTER’S PETITION TO VACATE
PORTION OF ROADWAY (COUNTY ROAD 13)
ATTORNEY MCCOY**

Attorney Skip McCoy requested a resolution for approval of publication as to a public hearing for Mr. J. C. Ledbetter’s petition to vacate a portion of County Road 13 with the hearing being on September 15, 2014 at 3:45 p.m. CST. Commissioner Eastridge motioned to authorize approval of publication. Commissioner Wood seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve a publication for public hearing on Mr. J.C.
Ledbetter’s petition to vacate a portion of County Road 13 on
September 15, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. CST.”

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG)
DONNIE SMITH, 911 DIRECTOR**

EMA Director Donnie Smith approached the commission requesting a resolution to approve the FY 2014 Cooperative Agreement Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$35,614.00 (see pages 415-421). Commissioner Eastridge motioned to adopt this resolution as requested. Commissioner Blanks seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the FY 2014 Cooperative Agreement Emergency
Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of
\$35,614.00 (see pages 415-421).”

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT STATE HOMELAND
SECURITY GRANTS 3ATL & 3ICL
DONNIE SMITH, 911 DIRECTOR**

EMA Director Donnie Smith approached the commission requesting a resolution to approve the FY 2014 Cooperative Agreement State Homeland Grants 3ATL in the amount of \$3,635.56 and 3ICL in the amount of \$47,469.44 (see pages 422-433). Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt this resolution as requested. Commissioner Eastridge seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the FY 2014 Cooperative Agreement State Homeland Grants 3ATL in the amount of \$3,635.56 and 3ICL in the amount of \$47,469.44 (see pages 422-433).”

VALLEY ROADWAY

Engineer Harvill states that the City of Valley has requested that the Highway Department assist them with an installation of a driveway. Full cost of the installation will be reimbursed by the citizen. Harvill requested to perform a onetime assistance to the City of Valley to provide a driveway for Mr. Mack Ballard on Newton Road inside the City of Valley. Commissioner Wood motioned to adopt this resolution as requested. Commissioner Eastridge seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve a onetime assistance to the City of Valley to provide a driveway for Mr. Mack Ballard on Newton Road inside the City of Valley.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer Harvill update on ATRIP—have completed the first two portions of improvements on County Road 210, the road has been reclaimed and stabilized with cement and chip sealed. There is plant mix that still has to be done within the next couple of weeks. I do not know when the subcontractor will be paving the road, should be within the next few weeks. We have started on County Road 222 with the same type of work. There will not be any work done on Monday, September 1st due to the holiday. I ask that the citizens please continue to be patient.

County Manager Dendy in the Rules, Ways and Means meeting it was mentioned about having the September 2nd meeting on September 8th.

MEETINGS

Commissioner Osborne informed the citizens that the next regular Commission meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. CST and that there will also be a Rules, Ways and Means meeting on September 8, at 2:00 p.m. and requesting that all Commissioners be in attendance at this meeting. On September 15, 2014 at 4 p.m. CST will be our next regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Wood motioned to amend the calendar to reflect the meeting on September 2nd is changed to September 8th. Commissioner Blanks seconded this motion. It was **approved** by the “**T**” vote.

RESOLVED: “To amend the calendar to reflect the meeting on September 2nd is changed to September 8th .

RECOGNITIONS

Commissioner Wood recognizes Commissioner David Eastridge for receiving his Sixteen year Certificate of Service to County Commission Government. Commissioner Joe Blanks on graduating the Commission Training Institute. Commissioner Charlie Williams has been elected to represent District 8 as a Legislative Representative this coming year.

ELECTION SIGNS

Commissioner Eastridge asked that all that are running to please place “yard signs” to please keep them in yards.

MEETING ADJOURNED

I have read the minutes and reviewed the warrants payable. I do hereby **APPROVE** the minutes and warrants payable.

Chairman Henry Osborne

Commissioner Charlie Williams

Commissioner James Brown

Commissioner Joe Blanks

Commissioner David Eastridge

Commissioner Debbie Wood
